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For: CASTING STEEL STRIP WITH
LOW SURFACE ROUGHNESS
AND LOW POROSITY

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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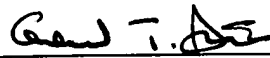
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